Companies (OMCs) would ensure adequate availability of PDS as well as non-subsidized kerosene during the entire period of implementation of the Pilot.

Aerial survey in Bihar for discovering oil reserves

†654. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a British Oil Company Cairn Energy has been allowed to conduct an aerial survey in Bihar in order to make discovery of oil reserves there;

(b) if so, the conditions on which agreement has been signed with this company;

(c) whether this company has also been allowed to conduct any such survey in any other part of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They have been permitted to carry out the survey after obtaining permission from Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Defence. The Contractor is required to obtain No Objection Certificates from Department of Atomic Energy and Geological Survey of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the above.

Policy on supply of gas through pipelines

†655. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to implement a National Policy in order to supply LPG through pipeline upto kitchen in certain cities;

(b) if so, in which cities cooking gas will be supplied through pipeline; and

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(c) by when cooking gas will be supplied through pipeline in metropolitan cities like Delhi and Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are not supplying LPG through pipelines in Delhi and Mumbai. However, OMCs have introduced LPG reticulated systems to distribute piped LPG to domestic customers in individual housing complexes in various cities, including Delhi and Mumbai. The system consists of a centralized LPG storage in cylinder banks and is proposed to be extended in other areas depending upon the customers' willingness to adopt the system and commercial consideration of OMCs.

Fixation of sale price of gas

†656. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance has communicated to Government that it would not be possible to supply gas on fixed prices prior to increase in prices of gas globally as a consequence of which the future of NTPC power project at Dadri is uncertain; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) No communication has been received from Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) regarding non-supply of gas to the NTPC project at Dadri.

Crude oil price in international market

†657. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the average price of crude oil per barrel in international market in each quarter during the last five years.

(b) the selling price of petrol and diesel per litre in India during the said period;

(c) whether the prices of petrol and diesel were reduced in India due to reduction of prices of crude oil in international market during the last five years; and

(d) the current price of crude per barrel in international market?

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